

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

**PUBLIC FUNERAL.**—Yesterday afternoon, a larger than ordinary assemblage of persons congregated together to witness the funeral of Henry Hoffman, who kept the public house in 7th street, between the National and the Hoffman Hotel. The funeral procession, which was very large, consisted of the members of the German Benevolent Society, and of the Independent Order of Red Men, as well as the National Greys, to all of which the deceased belonged. The procession started at about 10 o'clock p. m., and proceeded down Pennsylvania avenue in the following order:—The German Benevolent Society, headed by their banner; Marsoletti's Band; I. O. R. M. members; Germania Tribe, members of various Tribes; Navy and Land Bands; the National Greys, in reverse order, the commanding officers in the rear; the hearse; carriages containing the relations and friends of the deceased.

The procession was a very long one, and extended a considerable distance up the avenue, there being over two hundred members of the German Benevolent Society present, and about the same number of the members of the I. O. R. M. The procession was very long, and extended a considerable distance up the avenue, there being over two hundred members of the German Benevolent Society present, and about the same number of the members of the I. O. R. M. The procession was very long, and extended a considerable distance up the avenue, there being over two hundred members of the German Benevolent Society present, and about the same number of the members of the I. O. R. M.

**PATENT OFFICE.**—Much curiosity has been excited by the Japanese collection sent to the President by Commodore Perry, and which have been deposited in the National Gallery for public exhibition. This collection, which has been arranged in the order by John Varian, consists of various articles of Japanese manufacture, which were sent over in a box of camphor-wood, a description of wood used in the East for holding articles of value to the country. The collection includes an enumeration of the articles on exhibition. From a number of species of cane, of oval form, and covered with fine paintings; a set of wooden cups and saucers, and bowls with designs, together with wooden boxes, intended as depositories of tools. These are thickly japanned, of various colors, with an occasional dash of gold. Two rolls of rich heavy cloth, one of white, yellow, and blue silk, interwoven with gold, and another of a combination of gold and yellow silk, and a broad silk belt of sash. A lot of opium pipes, the bowls and stems of brass and steel, handsomely wrought. Silk-pipes and opium pouches; and two papers of leaf tobacco.

**THE PROPOSED EQUESTRIAN STATUE OF WASHINGTON.**—The arrangements for making the equestrian statue of George Washington, for which Congress has appropriated the sum of \$50,000, will soon be completed. The Mills having built a new studio and foundry a few miles from the city, where he intends to make the statue. The artist proposes to place it on Pennsylvania avenue, fronting Centre market, and in the center of the square space for the pedestal, the market still left open for several hours in the busiest part of the day, as is the case now three times a week, to the inconvenience of all passers by, whether on foot or in vehicles. The artist, we understand, has made several sketches of his work, both in crayon and in clay of the design.

**HONESTY OF A HACK DRIVER.**—On Thursday afternoon, the porter attached to the banking house of Messrs. Sweetser & Lister, whilst returning from the Bank of Washington, lost a package containing several drafts, and \$507 in money, on the Bank of Washington. The following morning, Mr. George Taylor, hack driver, in the employ of Mr. Dalton, called on Messrs. Sweetser & Lister, and delivered to them a package or bundle. They replied in the affirmative, when Mr. Taylor informed them that he had picked it up on Pennsylvania avenue, and restored the whole to the owners, for which the latter rewarded him.

**DISAPPOINTMENT OF A LECTURE.**—Much disappointment was felt by several persons last Friday night at finding the Smithsonian Institution closed, and the lecture on the custom to deliver a lecture on that night. We do not know what has caused this failure on the part of the Executive.

**WASHINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA RAILROAD.**—A very large meeting of the citizens of the latter place, in reference to the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad, was held at the residence of Mr. J. H. Thompson, on the 24th inst. The meeting was called by Benjamin Halliwell in the chair, and Rev. Benjamin Zimmerman secretary. The meeting was addressed by Messrs. Halliwell, T. M. Moore, D. F. Fenton, G. W. Brent, Wm. D. Thompson, and others. The meeting was held at the residence of Mr. J. H. Thompson, on the 24th inst. The meeting was called by Benjamin Halliwell in the chair, and Rev. Benjamin Zimmerman secretary.

**SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.**—The Board of Regents are now sitting, and we understand topics of much moment to the future of the Institution are pending consideration. On the 24th inst. the Board met at the residence of the President of the United States, the Cabinet and honorary members.

**YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.**—A lecture will be delivered to-night before the members of this association, by W. Gilmore Simms, Esq., of South Carolina, the subject being "Poetry and the Practical."

**VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.**—The following bills of local interest to Washington, passed the Senate of the Virginia Legislature on Wednesday last:—To incorporate the Alexandria and Washington City Railroad.

**WASHINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA STEAM BOAT COMPANY.**—The annual meeting of the above named company, will be held to-morrow at Alexandria.

**GAS AT GEORGETOWN.**—The gas will be let on at Georgetown, some day this week.

**WASHINGTON RAILROAD.**—The following is the number of tickets sold at the depot during the past week: To Baltimore, 6,100; to Philadelphia and New York, 2,300. Total, 8,400. The quality of the material assigned to dealers in Washington, was 250 tons.

**THE LITTLE FALLS BRIDGE.**—The ceremony of raising the bridge over the Little Falls of the Potomac took place yesterday. There was a large attendance of persons, and the ceremony was very successful.

**A TOUR THROUGH PALESTINE.**—Professor John Second Lecture, a tour through Palestine, will be delivered this evening in the new lecture-room at Caran's entrance on Eleventh street. The lecture on Saturday evening was listened to by a most attentive and large audience, and was very successful.

**U. S. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**—The above Society will hold their second annual meeting in the lecture room of the Smithsonian Institution on the 22d inst.

**CRIMINAL COURT.**—The grand and petty juries met yesterday for the purpose of business, several fresh cases, but of minor importance, being brought up.

**MAINE LAW.**—An anti-license meeting was held in Alexandria, last week.

**THE FALSE ALARM OF FIRE, YESTERDAY.**—originated with some little boy on 8th street, near the pottery.

**WATCH RETURNS.**—P. Brady, vagrant, work house 30 days. J. Donohoe alias Kelly, profruity, do.

**ALEXANDRIA CORRESPONDENCE.**

**ALEXANDRIA, February 7, 1884.**  
*Young Catholic's Friend Society—Burglar.*—The Auditor and Council—Legislation, &c.

On yesterday evening, the "Young Catholic's Friend Society" of this place held its annual session. The report of the president, Mr. Jas. C. Nevitt, exhibiting the usefulness of the association for the past year was received; and the following gentlemen chosen officers for the next term: Richard L. Carney, Jr., president; John A. Roche, vice-president; Wm. F. Garne, secretary; J. J. O'Leary, treasurer; Wm. H. Rodgers, J. Q. Alvy, T. O'Leary, and Richard S. Rockefeller, trustees.

On Saturday night the store of Henry Cook in Sarcenia Hall was burglariously entered, and about \$70 stolen. The thief made his escape through a back window.

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